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CODE <b>491</b>			COUNTRY <b>USSR</b>			CODE <b>1054</b>		
LOCATION <b>Fergana</b>			POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND ECONOMIC REGION					
INDUSTRIAL CATEGORY CODES <b>46</b>								
DATE/INFO		DATE/SOURCE		EVAL.	MN. & NO.	AF CHART	STATUS	TYPE
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CIA NO. AND SOURCE <b>FBIS No. 80 - 1954</b>						NAMES <b>Stalin Canal</b>		
MAJOR PRODUCT								

The Fergana Valley is a fruitful area of Soviet Central Asia. About 45 percent of the cotton production of Uzbekistan comes from this valley. More than one-fourth of the orchards of Uzbekistan are also situated in the Fergana Valley. More than 25 percent of the industrial products of Uzbekistan also come from this valley. The length of the valley from East to West is 300 kilometers, and its width from north to south is 150 kilometers. On the whole the valley covers 22,200 square kilometers.

Many rivers flow from the mountains that surround the valley. Most of the waters flow into canals for the purpose of irrigation. The most important of all these is the Stalin Canal which is a source of pride to the Republic. The canal system irrigates thousands of hectares and thousands of hectare of land which were deserts not very long ago. But there are still thousands of square kilometers of waste lands, sand dunes, and uncultivated territory in the heart of the valley.